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1. REF WAS TIMELY AND VERY HELPFUL. NOT ONLY DID IT FLAG A PARTICULAR PROBLEM OF OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE, IT ALSO GAVE US A PERFECT PEG ON WHICH TO HANG YET ANOTHER PITCH FOR THE NECESSITY OF ADDRESSING THE BASIC GENERAL PROBLEM OF THE OVERALL ADVERSE IMPACT ON U.S. INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES IN INDOCHINA OF THE PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. RESOURCES FROM THAT AREA.

2. A STERILE COPY OF REF WAS SENT TO SECRETARY LAIRD AS AN ATTACHMENT TO A MEMORANDUM SIGNED BY [REDACTED] AND ENTITLED "PLANNED REDUCTIONS IN MACDI AND THE PROBLEMS THEY GENERATE." A COPY OF THIS MEMO (AND THE STERILE VERSION OF YOUR CABLE) ALSO WENT TO DIA'S NEW DIRECTOR, ADMIRAL DE POIX.

3. THIS WHOLE TOPIC, INCLUDING YOUR CABLE, WAS AGENDA

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25X1 ITEM AT [] 3 OCTOBER SESSION WITH SECRETARY LAIRD. LATTER ACKNOWLEDGED BASIC PROBLEM AND SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY DEVELOPMENTS YOU REPORTED. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HIS "UNDERSTANDING" WAS THAT FIGURES FOR 1 DECEMBER MACDI PROJECTED STRENGTH WERE "SOMEWHAT HIGHER" THAN FIGURES YOU REPORTED, WHICH LAIRD FELT WERE PROBABLY "TOO LOW." (TAKE NO UMBRAGE AT THIS. WE KNOW YOUR REPORTING WAS ACCURATE AND SUSPECT LAIRD MAY BE BACKING OFF OR REVISING SOME OF HIS REDUCTION DIRECTIVES.) LAIRD SAID HE WOULD TAKE PERSONAL LOOK INTO THIS WHOLE TOPIC AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US AFTER HE HAD DONE HIS HOMEWORK.

3. ABOVE FYI SO YOU WILL KNOW WASHINGTON BACKGROUND BEHIND ANY QUERIES OR STATIC YOU MAY GET FROM MACV. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, YOUR CABLE WAS MOST TIMELY, ENLIGHTENING AND USEFUL.

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END OF MESSAGE

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